

WHEREAS, In the opinion of this General Assembly, were a grant of public lands made to this route, equal in extent and upon the terms and conditions extended to the Northern Pacific railroad, such are the resources of that whole region of country, and more especially its great agricultural capacity and resources, that a sufficient amount of capital could be secured to build the whole road in a very brief period of time ; therefore,

Resolved, That Congress be requested to make a grant of the public lands, in alternate sections, equal in quantity per mile, as heretofore has been granted to the Northern Pacific railroad, to aid in the construction of this road, the same to run about along the route above indicated.

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their best efforts to secure such grant of public lands, for the purposes above set forth.

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and resolutions, duly authenticated, be sent to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, with the request that they be laid before their respective houses ; and also to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved, April 13, 1870.

NUMBER XXVI.

INCREASED MAIL FACILITIES.

JOINT RESOLUTION Asking Increased Mail Facilities.

Be it resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to procure, if possible, the establishment of a mail route, with tri-weekly service, from Anita, in Cass county, via Hamlin's Grove, Oakfield, Exira, Leacock's Grove, Macks, and Carrollton, to Carroll Center.

Approved, April 13, 1870.